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# Big Monkee Business

By SCOTT HOLTZMAN

The Monkees' new single had an advance sale of 1,051,280. Guess that shows who the new Number 1 group is. KNUZ is sending Buddy McGregor out to Hollywood this week to visit with them and send back interviews. That should make Cindy Soo and the Monkeebuts happy.

The Beach Boys' new LP album will be called "Smile." Believe it or not, "Good Vibrations" looks like their FIRST gold single. I'm very surprised they haven't had one before.

I still say Sinatra has a hole in his pasta-fa-soul.

I GET many letters about the Walker Bros. I agree that they are one of the best groups in the world. They do have releases regularly. It's just that nobody here plays them. There is a feeling of "They're Americans who prefer England. Let 'em stay in England!" Funny world...

Ran into Byron Selman, who was a winner in my "DJ-talk" contest. He didn't receive his prize. The LP's were sent out weeks ago, so if any of you

others didn't get yours, let me know immediately.

James Bond's implausible cheerfulness in the AM is only exceeded by his peccable taste (never trust a morning DJ!).

King Kirby gets great response to his reading of Gih-ran's "The Prophet" on his night show.

GOOD ARTICLE and pix on John Lennon in the new Look. He explains his religious feelings a bit further.

THE SIXPENTZ were not being rude to the Lovin' Spoonful by singing "Summer In The City" on their show here. The Spoonful asked them to sing it.

They wanted to hear someone else do it. One reporter mistakenly described the Spoonful as psychedelic. They are about as psychedelic as Barbra Streisand! I got a good interview with John Sebastian that I will be printing soon.

It is a shame that one or two groups can give all R&R musicians a bad name. Since I have been associated with this business in Houston, I have met very few groups that even drink, much less get involved in narcotics. Don't let one rotten apple spoil the barrel for everybody. Birds of a feather do not necessarily flock together. Hang 10 1/2!

BEST NEWSOUNDS: "The Girl That Stood Beside Me" by Bobby Darrin (Atlantic); "Don't Pass Me By" by Big Maybelle (Ryco); "Hello Hello" by the Sopwith Camel (Kama Sutra); "Your Ever Changin' Mind" by Crispian St. Peters (Jangle); "You Got Me Hummin'" by Sam & Dave (Stax)

PICK DISCS: "Standing in the Shade of Love," by the Four Tops (Motown); KNUZ

## Top Single Is 'Hangin' On'

Here are the best selling single records in the nation, as surveyed by Cash Box magazine:

- 1) "You Keep Me Hangin' On" by the Supremes
- 2) "Good Vibrations" by the Beach Boys
- 3) "Winchester Cathedral" by the New Vaudeville Band
- 4) "Devil With A Blue Dress On & Good Golly Miss Molly" by Mitch Ryder & Detroit Wheels
- 5) "Door Side of Town" by Johnny Rivers
- 6) "I'm Your Puppet" by James & Bobby Purify
- 7) "Mellow Yellow" by Donovan
- 8) "Lady Godiva" by Peter & Gordon
- 9) "Born Free" by Roger Williams
- 10) "Stop, Stop, Stop" by the Hollies

## newsounds calendar

THE LIVING EYE—Friday: Thursdays Children/ Saturday: The Runaways/ Dec 12: 13th Floor Elevators.  
THE CATACOMBS—Friday: The Baby Cakes/ Saturday: The Fever Tree  
MUSIC HALL—Teen band competition with Neal Ford as guest artist, Saturday at 7 PM.  
There will be two rock and roll benefits for Lam Kit Chung, Hong Kong Chinese child who is coming to Houston for heart surgery. Saturday at 1:30 PM at the CATACOMBS, with Neal Ford, the Flyz, the Moving Sidewalks, the Glass Koss and Little Ringers; and Dec 11 at 2 PM at DANCE CITY, with the Castilleros, the Intense, the Glass Koss, the Monkeys and Little Ringers. Tickets at door or at Lau's or Don's Betteire Record Shop.

"Dream World," by the Playboys of Edinburg (Columbia); KCOL—"Tell It Like It Is," by Aaron Neville; KILT—"Nashville Cats," by the Lovin' Spoonful (Kama Sutra); MINE—"Try a Little Tenderness" by Otis Redding (Volt).

SCOTT'S SNEAK: "Not Fade Away," by the Corporate Image (MGM). Catch it on the Larry Kane and King Kirby Shows.